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TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS PRIORITY

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TAGS:

SUBJECT: USAID ACCOUNTING FUNCTION

REF: LAGOS 02401

1. HAVE THOROUGHLY EXPLORED ALTERNATIVES ON HANDLING  
USAID/LAGOS CONTROLLER AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTION IN MEETING  
WITH AMBASSADOR EASUM, MESSRS. GRIFFITH, BLACKA, ET.AL.  
ATTEMPTS TO REACH LAGOS BY PHONE UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. BASED ON AMBASSADOR JAMES' DECISION ON NIAMEY PROVIDING  
THIS SUPPORT, THIS OPTION NOT VIABLE. OUR REVIEW OF PROGRAM  
SHOWS 13 ACTIVE PROJECTS WITH COMPLETION DATES RANGING TO  
1979 AND UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS OF DOLS 3.4 MILLION IN  
PIPELINE. IN ADDITION, OUR PAST EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR  
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SITUATIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES INDICATES NEED AND DESIRABILITY  
OF RETAINING CONTROLLER FUNCTION FOR ORDERLY PHASED CLOSE-  
OUT OF MISSION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DISPOSITION OF  
PROPERTY, RETIREMENT OF RECORDS, DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS,  
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE PROPER RESIDUAL MONITORING OF  
ACTIVITIES.

3. AMBASSADOR EASUM AGREED THAT RETENTION OF ONE AMERICAN CONTROLLER POSITION WOULD NOT POSE PROBLEMS AND WOULD FACILITATE A SMOOTH PHASE-OUT. OUR IMMEDIATE PREFERENCES WOULD BE FOR RADCLIFFE TO EXTEND HIS RETIREMENT DATE IF POSSIBLE, OR AT LEAST UNTIL WE CAN ARRANGE TO PROVIDE TDY COVERAGE UNTIL REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND PHYSICALLY TRANSFERRED TO LAGOS.

4. WE LIKEWISE WOULD PREFER THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN TO REDUCE LOCAL CONTROLLER STAFF UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO ASSESS SITUATION. REQUEST MISSION ADVISE TIMING OF RADCLIFFE DEPARTURE AND/OR WHETHER HE AGREEABLE TO SOME EXTENSION IN RETIREMENT PLANS. ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING AGBANUSI AND REST OF CONTROLLER STAFF OF OUR INTENTIONS TO CONTINUE CONTROLLER FUNCTION FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR IN LAGOS AND OUR CONFIDENCE IN THEIR PERFORMANCE OF RESIDUAL PHASE-DOWN EFFORTS IN PROFESSIONAL MANNER.

5. ADVISE.  
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